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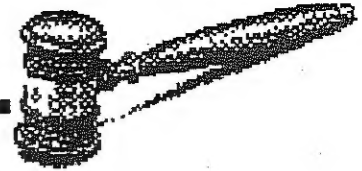
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From the Desk



of the Director

Hard to believe that the holidays are upon us! Christmas is only two weeks away. By the time you receive this, the holidays will be behind us and we will be looking forward to some quiet time for reflection and research. We hope that everyone had a good Christmas and best wishes for good health and joy in the new year.

As you have time to work on your research and once again visit some of those "brick walls", please let us know if we may be of assistance. Our volunteers are glad to assist in providing research and answering questions. One of your benefits of membership is that we will look up one or two items of information for no fee other than the cost of copying and mailing. In-depth research will be done for \$6.00/hour for members and \$10.00/hour for non-members. Please be patient and allow us at least two weeks to provide your information. All of our research is done by our volunteer assistants and it sometime takes a little while to get it done.

Just another reminder that dues are now past due for 2009. Our membership year is from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, a form is included at the back of the Journal which may be used to do so. The form now has a check-off section which gives you the opportunity to also make a donation to the General Fund, the Building/Maintenance Fund or the Cemetery Fund. Two projects are in need of your support. The outside of our building is in immediate need of either paint or siding. We are currently evaluating estimates and will soon be making a decision regarding this project. Also, we provide the maintenance for three cemeteries and our fund for mowing has been depleted. We need to replenish those funds before mowing time next spring.

If we can be of assistance to you in your research, please contact us at hcpd@hackerscreek.com.

Betty Ann



A Search Angel Story!

by Joy Stalnaker

Serendipity is such a neat word. Among those words which are its synonym are fate, destiny, karma, and providence. It is a word that can be used to describe genealogy sometimes.

I know you've all experienced it. You search and search and search and don't find an answer. Then, one day, maybe years down the road, you are searching for something else and find the answer to your first question.

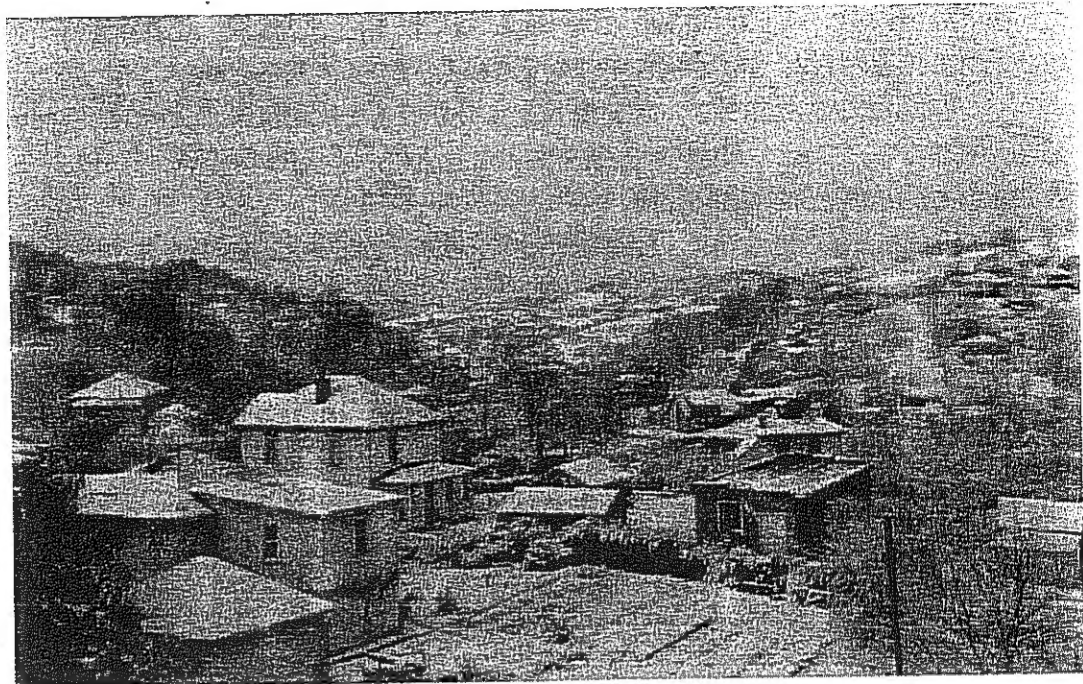
Henry Z. "Hank" **JONES**, a Disney star, recognized it too and wrote the book, *Psychic Roots: Serendipity & Intuition in Genealogy*. At least one of our members has a story in his book. My story is one that did not. Well, it couldn't have been included because it just happened.

There's a man in Clarksburg, W. Va.,¹ who collects photos and frequently submits them to the *Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram* for publication. He is also involved with a small glass museum in nearby Bridgeport.

Recently he called the *Weston Democrat* where I work as a reporter looking for some history about Weston's glass industry. Our office manager referred him to me.

In the course of our conversation, he told him that I had strong ties to Clarksburg and that part of my childhood was spent with my grandparents, George and Lillus (**SULLIVAN**) **GREGOIRE** in the Adamston section in a house that was just down the street from the Adamston Flat Glass plants, aka Clearlight. He told me he had some pictures that were taken from the top floor of the glass plant and wondered if I would be interested in seeing them and perhaps help him identify who lived in some of the houses. I said yes and he began e-mailing them to me. It turned out that one picture, reproduced on the next page, looked down in my grandparents' backyard.

¹ The County Seat of Harrison County and the nearest large town to Lewis County.



The second house from the left was built by George and Lillus (**SULLIVAN**) **GREGOIRE** in 1915-16. The little building behind it was the family garage and the long building was called "the shop" and was the place the location of the family business, a factory which made baby bottle warmers. "The shop" was later renovated and added-to and became the home of Harold C. and Mildred (**GARDNER**) **GREGOIRE**. The house immediately behind the shop was built about 1875 by Enoch and Susan (**CARTER**) **SULLIVAN**, the parents of Lillus **GREGOIRE**. Lillus' next-older sister Bertha lived in this house until her passing in 1965. The property this house is on was later sold to Adamston Flat and then to the W. Va. Department of Highways and the federal government as a right-of-way for U.S. Route 50.

Oh, my! The memories that evoked!

I shared it with my brother and my only first cousin on that side of my family and together we were able to determine that the picture was taken about 1950.

My grandparents' home was sold after my grandmother's death; but my aunt and uncle continued to live until about 1970 in a house that was remodeled from another building on the property.

Like most genealogists, I have traveled the streets back to the old homeplace many times. But, I have not visited there for nearly 40 years.

A few weeks after I got the picture, HCPDer Ethel **NIELSON** asked me if I would try to locate a Cathy **COCHRAN** in Clarksburg for her so that she could send her something. The e-mail address she had

no longer works. I didn't have any luck, but in the process of helping her, Ethel helped me and became my Search Angel in Reverse.

Working on Ethel's problem, I found a C. **COCHRAN** living at 1740 Adams Avenue. That address talked to me!! C. **COCHRAN** lived in the house that Grandpa built!

I called the number. The lady who answered was not the lady I needed for Ethel, but I shared with her what I knew about her house and promised to send her a copy of the picture.

She invited me to come for a visit. I have mailed the picture to her but my schedule has not permitted me time to go for a visit. I hope to do that soon.

I never did find Ethel's Cathy **COCHRAN**. However, I think you will agree that the whole event was a serendipitous one.

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MEMORIES

by Alberta Sue Drummond Keene

I remember my Great Aunt Izora **JONES** making apple butter. I never saw her make it but it sure was good. My Great Aunt Buenia (Boone)**DILLY** and my grandmother Jessie Eva **SEAWARD** (all from the **FISHER** side of the family and sisters) used to quilt, can, and we would go on the hills and pick wild berries, elderberries, and crabapples for jelly. There were Peaches, Apples, Rhubarb, etc. for cobblers, sauces, and pies.

Everyone had a garden and would can for winter eating. Granddad had a potato patch on the hill and we would spread them on newspaper in the attic for winter eating. Granddad hunted snapping turtles and Grandmother cooked one for us one time when we were visiting Clarksburg, sure do stink when cooking, but good eating. Great Uncle Earl **DILLY** hunted rabbits, deer, and squirrel. He also raised Beagles and trained them to hunt. He got mad at me once because he bought a puppy and I handled it so much he said I ruined it for hunting. He would spread newspaper in the kitchen and skin the rabbits and clean them. He would buy a live hen and hang her by her feet to the clothesline and chop her head off. We kids, Alberta Sue **DRUMMOND** (me), cousins, Jeannine and Eddie **GREYNOLDS**, Johnny and Henry **WINES**, thought that was so funny because the head would hop around and blink and cluck while the body ran around the yard with no head. Then the women would dip the chicken in hot water and pluck the feathers before gutting and cooking the chicken. My mother, Catherine Louise **FISHER DRUMMOND**, once told me that the first time she plucked a chicken she didn't get all the pin feathers out and they teased her about it.

After I moved away we would all come from all over the US to visit. Everyone would get together, usually at the **DILLY's** house which was next door to the **JONES'** house and the **SEAWARD's** would come there. They would cook and bake and we would all eat out in the yard. Grandmother **SEAWARD** would always bake a pie for each person (their favorite).

I can remember Great Aunt Ice (Izora) **JONES** and Great Aunt Boone (**BUENIA**) **DILLY** sitting in the attic with a quilt on curtain

stretchers, quilting and talking. They did their quilting mostly by hand and I still have a couple of them. Grandmother Jessie Eva SEAWARD on the other hand would do hers by machine mostly. I also have one of her crazy quilts. There was a time that I had a nice garden and did some canning, but some places don't have the good soil that WV has. I made one quilt and gave it to my oldest daughter. I would like to make more and have a lot of material for that. I hope and pray I live long enough to do that. I guess it is in my pioneer blood to do these things. I don't go for the "throw it out and buy new" idea. I look for the bargains and make my own whenever possible. I get a lot of joy out of it and it brings back so many warm loving memories of days gone by. Of course, my kids just think I am a hoarder. I can always think of something to make from things I see. I just don't like to waste.

My other Grandmother, Bonnie Louise FESLER DRUMMOND loved flowers. She had them all around her house in Anmoore, WV. When she passed my mother brought her WV bluebells back and we have been keeping them alive and giving them to everyone that admires them. That was 41 years ago and I just put 4 pots of them away for the winter. In the Spring they will poke their little green leaves out and I will water them and place them outside and think lovingly of my grandmother. They will grow and flourish and have beautiful blue blossoms and live among the rest of my flowers.

There is a lot to be said about modern times but if you have not lived as I have in the atmosphere of the pioneer descendants you have not lived. It has been a time of warm and loving relationships with loving family and friends that can never be replaced. Today even family and friends seem to be expendable by a lot of people. What a sad state of affairs that people today do not cherish the way they should for so soon it will all be gone and there will be no turning back to recapture those people and moments. I am so lucky to have lived in those moments and with those people.

TANGELED WEBBS

by Randy Sue McKeever

As we were leaving the Central West Virginia Genealogy & History Library (HCPD) last summer where I was researching the **ALLMAN** family, I discovered that I had many more folks from the area. I was sorely disappointed we could not stay longer to do more research but school bells were ringing me back to school.

I found that not only did my **ALLMAN** family migrate west to Meigs County, Ohio but so did the **WEBB** and **CASTOR** families. One of them was Thomas **WEBB**, the son of James and Katie **HARRIS WEBB** of near Johnstown, Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia.

Thomas **WEBB** was born 31 October 1809 in Harrison County. On 4 February 1833, he married² Druzilla **CASTOR**, the daughter of David **CASTOR** and Mary (Polly) **GREGORY**, who also was born 6 April 1815 also in Harrison County. Druzilla's ancestors came from Wales to Virginia.

Thomas and Druzilla were the parents of eleven children with the first three, John N., Margaret J. and David, being born in Harrison County before the family migrated West. David, born near Romine's Mills, Harrison County, was just two when the family followed other settlers west through Parkersburg and Marietta, Ohio, to the Northwest Territory.

They settled at what is now called **WEBB Summit** in Vinton County, Ohio, where eight more children were born. They were James Lewis, Samuel D., Samantha Virginia, Ann Elizabeth, Martin, Mary Ellen, Oscar F., and William N.

Thomas **WEBB** died on April 30, 1893 in Meigs County, Ohio and is buried in the Mt Olive Cemetery in Meigs County. Druzilla **CASTOR WEBB** died on June 8, 1902 in Vales Mills, Vinton County, Ohio. She is also buried in Mt Olive Cemetery, Meigs County, Ohio.

From **WEBB Summit**, the family settled along Raccoon Valey. An 1a876 map of Vinton County shows the **WEBB** farm as being located in the southernmost partt of the county, near what is Route 160 near Wilkesville.

It appears that most of the **WEBB** family in Vinton County, most of whom now live in the Zaleski area, derived from this family.³

² Marriages of Harrison County, WV 11785-1894 by Wes **COCHRAN**.

³ History of Vinton County, pages 140-141.

An Ivy-Covered Cottage

by Winetta **BOWMAN** Kennedy



Standing there on the ridge near the western border of the Cedar Creek State Park, Gilmer County, West Virginia, Winetta (**Bowman**) Kennedy and her nephew, Wayne **WILLIAMS**, gazed down at the ruins of the first homestead of her grandparents, Charles and Vinnie **SWISHER**. They watched as other family members walked around the vine covered well and a hand cut stone chimney in a small clearing where two streams, Jim Fork and Upper Two Run, converged. Everyone was trying to imagine the scene as it had been captured nearly one hundred years ago in a 1909 photograph which showed a small family standing in front of a vine covered cabin with a smoking chimney. The family consisted of Charles **SWISHER**, two year old Louis **BUSH SWISHER** in knickers and Vinnie holding baby, Mildred May, in her arms.

In 1929, Louis **BUSH SWISHER** married Lorraine **KING** and they had three children: Louis **BUSH**, Jr. (1933-1968), Venne Anne (**SWISHER**) **CHASE** of Morgantown, WV and Charles Harry **SWISHER** of Florida.

Mildred May married Virgil Francis **BOWMAN** of Jackson, Ohio, in 1932 and they had four daughters: Betty Lane **MICK** (1933-2003), Winetta **KENNEDY** of Northfield, Ohio, Rose Ella **POWELL** of Adrian, Michigan and Della Jean **WILLIAMS** of Maryville, Tennessee.

Charles **SWISHER** was born in 1870 near Berlin, Hacker's Creek District, Lewis County, WV. Vinnie **BUSH** was born "over the hill from Chas"

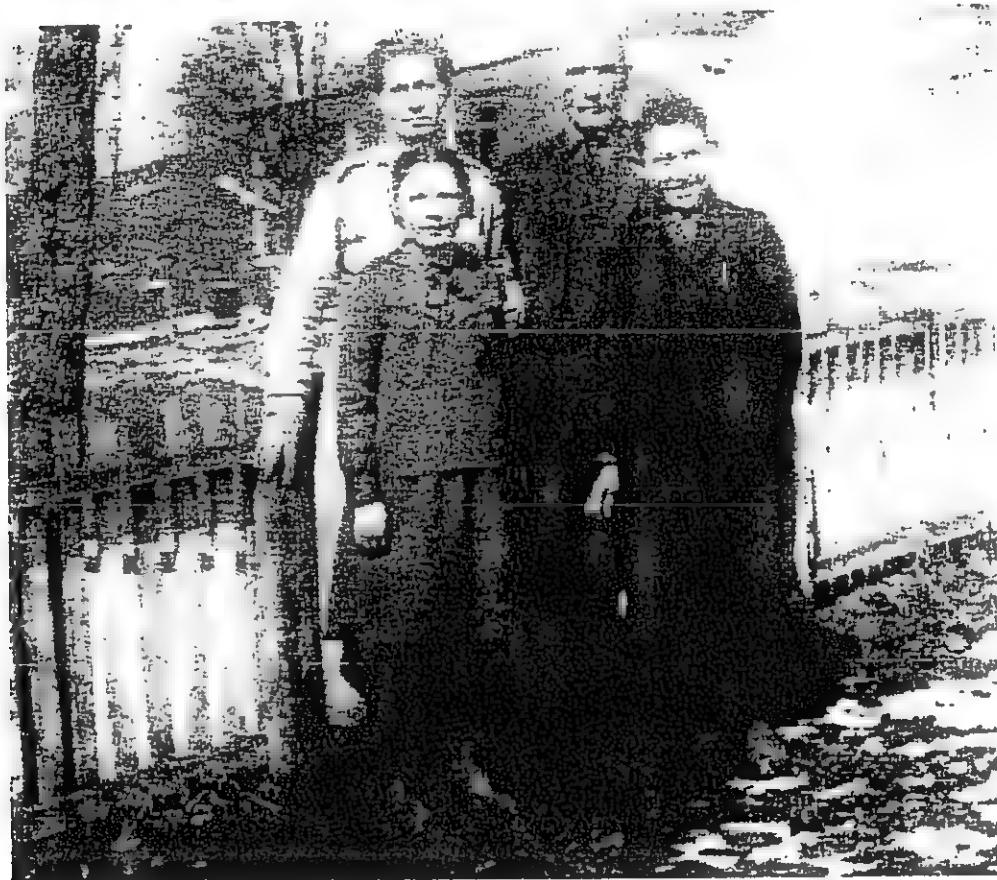
near Gaston, Lewis County. She was born in 1876 at the home where five years earlier Jacob Hamilton **BUSH** had brought his new bride, Cecilia Beverly **JACKSON**. Cecilia was the daughter of Jacob Jay **JACKSON** and Permella **WATSON** and they did not approve of their 16 year old daughter marrying even if it was to a prominent local farmer and land owner. The young couple arranged to go by train to relatives in the Parkersburg, WV, area where they were secretly married. Their marriage certificate was issued 01 February 1871 in Washington County, Ohio, where Marietta is the county seat.



In the late 1800s, the underdeveloped areas of Gilmer County beckoned strong young men and their families to tame the wilderness. Demand for raw materials to rebuild the country in the post Civil War years provided great opportunities in the railroad, timber, and oil - gas industries. Following their marriage in December 1895, Charles **SWISHER** brought his bride, Vinnie **BUSH** to 156 acres of heavily wooded hills of Cedar Creek area of Gilmer County. Together they cleared the land and used some of the logs to build a house and sold the rest. On the cleared land they established an orchard and farmed. Times had to be hard for the young couple, but they had friends and

relatives in the area. This picture, taken about 1897, shows the recently completed log cabin along with some visitors. Vinnie later would recall her great joy in seeing her 1896 Christmas present arriving by horse and sled over the hill. It was an outhouse from her sister, Iza (**BUSH**) **SWISHER**, and Iza's husband, John **SWISHER**, a cousin to Charles, who were homesteading on near-by Hardman Run.

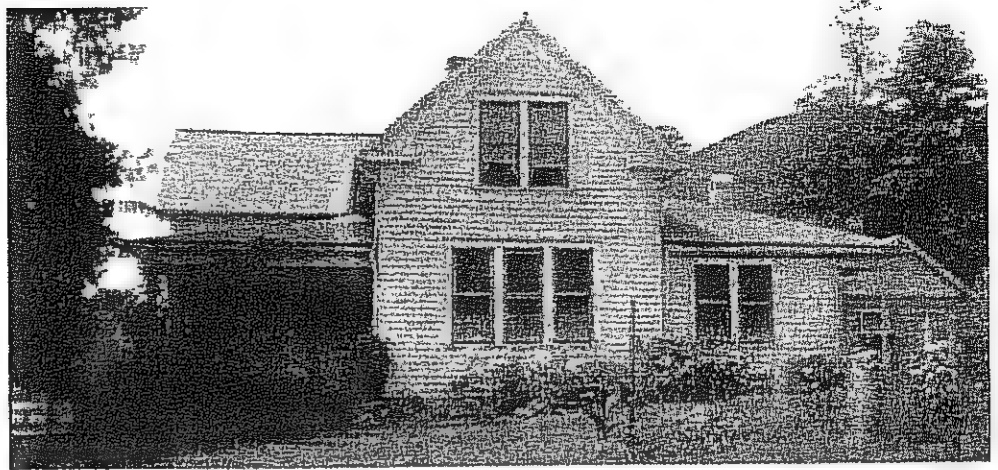
Education was important to the **SWISHER** family. In an effort to provide a quality education to their two children, Charles and Vinnie moved the family to Auburn, Ritchie County, WV, in 1914.



In the above photograph taken about 1922 in Auburn are Vinnie and Charles with their children, Mildred and Bush **SWISHER**. In Ritchie County, they sold timber and farmed until the fall of 1922 when they moved to Hilly Upland Run, Hacker's Creek District, Lewis County, WV. The Lewis County farm was about four miles from the county seat, Weston. Weston had a good high school where both children would continue their education.

Bush went on to graduate from West Virginia University in Morgantown and then Cornell University. Mildred graduated from Weston High School in 1929. While in high school, Mildred belonged to the Future Farmers of America and was the champion potato grower during her junior year. In

addition to her great interest in farming, she graduated from Clarksburg (WV) Business School with a degree in accounting.



The Lewis County farm, about two miles from the Stone Coal Creek, was on land once surveyed and owned by Henry **JACKSON** and then owned by Lewis, Date and Carl **PETERSON**. Here the Charles **SWISHER** family established an orchard, farmed and raised produce. They sold their products on a regular market route in Weston. In the early 1960s, son-in-law, Virgil **BOWMAN** raised thousands of boiler chickens to supply the growing demand from fast food chains like Kentucky Fried Chicken.

This is a glimpse into the past of Charles and Vinnie (**BUSH**) **SWISHER**'s family. The family members who enjoyed visiting Charles and Vinnie's first farm were: Winnetta **KENNEDY**, Venne Anne **CHASE** and husband Bruce, Della **WILLIAMS** and son Wayne, and Betty **MICK**'S oldest son, Willie Vaughn **MICK**, his wife Jean **HENLINE**, and their oldest son Nicholas. Ancestor and kinship for each:

Winnetta Bowman, Mildred May **SWISHER** (mother), Vinnie **BUSH** (grandmother), Cecilia Beverly **JACKSON** (g-grandmother), Jacob Jay **JACKSON** (gg-grandfather), John **JACKSON**, Jr. (ggg-grandfather), John **JACKSON** (gggg-grandfather).

Venne Anne Swisher, Louis **BUSH SWISHER** (father), Vinnie **BUSH** (grandmother), Cecilia Beverly **JACKSON** (g-grandmother), Jacob Jay **JACKSON** (gg-grandfather), John **JACKSON**, Jr. (ggg-grandfather), John **JACKSON** (gggg-grandfather).

The History of Aprons



Robin(SMITH) LIGHT, Irma CURTIS and Betty Ann NICHOLSON are just a few of our volunteers who don their aprons to serve meals to organizations who use our facility as a meeting place.

I don't think kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a pot-holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

AND REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

AA



Over 50

Submitted by Dick Ross

Q: How can you avoid spotting a wrinkle every time you walk by a mirror?

A: The next time you're in front of a mirror, take off your glasses.

Q: Why should 50+ year old people use valet parking?

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 50+ year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: Is it common for 50+ year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem; retrieving it is a problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where do 50+ year olds look for fashionable glasses?

A: Their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 50+ year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: "I remember these."

IT WAS THE WAY IT WAS!

by Linda **STEORTS KAUFMAN**

As the election of the first African American to the presidency of the United States is being celebrated it emphasizes how much has changed since Lewis County was settled by our ancestors. It is so much easier usually to see things happening in the past that probably were not so evident to those living at the time. In the first half of the 1800s I wonder how many had any idea of how the country was to be nearly torn apart in the 1860s and how many families were to suffer as fathers, brothers and sons found themselves on different sides in the Civil War. My great great uncles who were born and raised at Jane Lew, James **STEORTS** and Perry Commodore **STORTS**, served on different sides. James died as a result of being held in a Confederate prison after being captured in Virginia in June 1864. Perry, who was said to have looked just like his Uncle Minter **BAILEY**, Jr., was in the Confederate army in Missouri. At least they fought in different parts of the county.

The 1840 Lewis County, Virginia census records list only the head of household with all others under age categories. The listing of all names started in 1850.

In the 1840 the age groups fit for George **STEORTS** (name spelled **STORTS**) who would have been 71, Eunice Bailey **STALNAKER STEORTS** who would have been 49 or 50, and for their six children. Ages would have been within a year, depending on time of year the census was dated: Hepsibah 13, Sarah 12, James 10, Rulina 8, George Washington who was my gg-gfather 6 and Perry who was 4. How young those children would be when George died in 1851 and Eunice in 1854.

There were three others listed, a male between 15 and 19 and females between 20 and 29 and a small girl 4 or under. The older two could easily have been Eunice's children by her first husband John Whitman **STALNAKER**. Eunice and John Whitman **STALNAKER** had seven children. Their last child John Whitman was born after his father died and was named for him; he would be 18 in 1840. The female could have been Nancy **STALNAKER** at about 24. But I have no idea who the baby girl was. The eleven children Eunice had by two husbands were not

unusual at a time when there was no birth control and children were assets to work on the land. It was even more common that a man would have that many or more children with one or more wives dying in childbirth.

I found something interesting on the census record. When Eunice **BAILEY'S** family came to what was then Harrison County in about 1807 they brought slaves from their plantation in Fauquier County, VA. Minter **BAILEY'S** 1833 will named several slaves who were left to his children along with land. There may have been others not specifically named as they could have been included in "personal property" to be sold.

George **STEORTS** came from a Pennsylvania background where holding slaves was less common. In the 1840 census there are two black people listed as free colored, one a male between 55 and 99, and a female between 36 and 54.

In one of Rulina **STEORTS BOTT'S** letters written from Ellensburg, Washington State to her brother George Washington **STEORTS** in West Virginia about 1890-1900 she reminds him of how as children they would run to the old kitchen and Aunt..... would always give them something. Could this be the free colored woman?

In the first letter I have of hers written in 1890 she speaks of how happy she was that they found Perry who had settled and raised a family in Missouri after the war. Apparently there had been no contact for several decades. Later several members of the family visited for there are letters telling of Perry's trip to Ellensburg and to Jane Lew where he visited his sister Mrs. Isaac (**HEPSIBAH**) **JACKSON**. So time was healing rifts left from the terrible time of war.

It is hard to imagine the way of life at that time but facts are facts. Someday I hope I will know the rest of the story.....

MIGRATING DEPUE FAMILY

Contributed by Randy Sue MCKEEVER

Archibald **DEPUE** was born in 1815 in Lewis County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He was the son of Henry and Jane **DEPUE**. He was married three times.

His first marriage was to Juliet **MASS**. They had three children, Elijah W., Rosell and Mary Ellen, before she died between 1850 and 1853.

Secondly, he married Eleanor **HENDRETH** on June 19, 1853 in Harrison County, now West Virginia. She died not long afterward. She was 32 yr, 8 months and 2 days old at the time of their marriage. Archibald was 39. Source is the West Virginia Culture Marriage Records.

His third marriage was to Lucinda **MARTIN** on September 17, 1857, who was born in Armstrong County Pennsylvania. She was 22 at that time and had never been married. They were both residing in Wirt County, now West Virginia, at the time of their marriage. He was 44 and a widower. They had three children David Vance, William, and Samilda.

Around 1860, Archibald and Lucinda moved to Vinton County Ohio, and purchased 80 acres from Marietta College, where they established their farm, which is the Anna **DEPUE** and Sons farm located on county road 15 in Clinton township, Vinton County Ohio.

To their union, David Vance, William and Samilda was born.

Around that time, Elijah and Mary Ellen (from his first wife) came to Ohio. Elijah married Emma **PAGE** and Mary Ellen married William **HORTON**. This couple left and settled in Missouri in 1870. There are no records of Rosdell (the other son from first marriage).

Archibald died in 1884 and Lucinda in 1914. They along with children, William and Samilda are buried in the Cassill cemetery located off CR 15 in Clinton township, Vinton County Ohio.

ARCHIBALD DEPUE'S OBITUARY

SOURCE: *The Vinton Recorder*, May 1, 1884

Mr. Archibald **DEPUE** who has been sick a long time, died Friday evening of the 15th. (April)

If his early life had been passed in an old educated community, his energetic talents assisted by an education, it would have drawn to him a more extensive range of acquaintances in the way of public life, but born in the wilderness, a child of the frontier, he was brought up to the honorable toils of labor and how much more is such a life to be commended over one who lives on his wits and at the expense of the perspiration of other men's brows.

His father, Henry **DEPUE**, a native of New Jersey and was a revolutionary soldier at Princeton, Trenton and Valley Forge. After the war for independence, he crossed the mountains to the wilds of the Greenbriar Valley, where he married Miss **MAZE**, of good family and with her crossed over to Little Kanawha and ultimately settled himself at the mouth of the West For, where he died many years ago.

Archibald, his third son married, and after the marriage comfortably settled himself on the banks of the Little Kanawha near the mouth of the West Fork, and cleared and cultivated a farm, aided in rolling logs, building churches, school houses, making roads etc. Anything to advance the community, raised, educated and started life in a a large family.

Many years ago Mr. **DE PUE** became a professor of religion in the Baptist denomination, in which he remained faithful.

One very remarkable feature in his belief was: He believed as he wished and did not contaminate others with his religious belief, but let them believe as they desired.

Near the close of the Civil War, he sold his farm on the Little Kanawha and cast his gaze beyond the Ohio. to seek a future residing places and settled himself in Vinton County, Ohio where he remained until intement.

"Dear father thou art gone

Dead, dead, Oh can't be

Yes, gone where death can never come,

Oh! May we come to thee.

The funeral will not be preached next Sunday as stated last week, but due notice will be given in the *Record* of the time and place." (Hamden Enterprise-)

Death Record For Lucinda **MARTIN DEPUE**

SOURCE: Death Certificate for Lucinda **MARTIN DEPUE**

Vinton County Volume number 1934 Certificate Number 28546

Date of Death April 20, 1916

Lucinda's parents were William **MARTIN** of Pennsylvania and Elizabeth **GULF** also of Pennsylvania.

She died at the age of 84 years, 1 month and 28 days. She was a housewife and a widow.

Date of her birth as Feb 22, 1832 .

Her death was reported by her son David Vance **DEPUE**.

Cause of death was paralyziation from cerebral hemorrhage.

Captain Hall in the Civil War

"While Cap't . William D. **HALL** was with the Union Forces, Co. "C" 10th Regiment he married Nancy /Sturgess **LAW**, May 21, 1863. She continued to remain at the Asa **LAW** farm homestead and it was here August 24, 1864 during the Civil War that their first child was born. He was named E.T.W.**HALL**. (this would be Dr. E.T.W. **HALL**)

The soldiers came through and as was the custom, commandeered livestock available to supply the Army. The women offered what livestock "thy" had but requested one cow be left because the baby had to have milk and being a bottle baby, one cow at least was an absolute necessity. Upon hearing the story the commanding officer ordered the farm livestock and produce not be touched and in such manner the farm survived the hardships of the Civil War in good shape. Nancy **LAW** must have had a good deal of the charm and beauty of her mother Nancy (Note: mother was Mary **FELL LAW**) in order to have won over the hard crusted army personnel seeking supplies for the troops."

Note I have pictures of my great-grandmother Nancy **LAW HALL** and also a Crazy quilt she made for my aunt abt. 1909. The **LAW** home was located on Sycamore lane near Jackson Mill in Lewis Co.Â

**History of Descendants of Abraham Bennett
Who Settled at Dola, West Virginia 1796**

By L.E. BENNETT

1932

Submitted by Nan ADAMS

*Note: A special thanks to Dick Wilt of Bridgeport
for transcribing this from the newspaper article.*

Descendants of Abraham and Catherine **BENNETT** today are holding their annual reunion at Esler Chapel near Wallace, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon will hold appropriate exercises at Dola, where a large boulder has been placed by the roadside, with proper inscription plate attached, marking the site where the **BENNETT** family located when it came to this section in 1796.

Some one has said, "The man who is not interested in his ancestors is one who will never do anything his descendants can be proud of." Whether the foregoing statement is literally true or not, the fact remains that more people are interesting themselves in their family lines now than formerly. The series of family "write-ups" being published in the Sunday Exponent-Telegram, Clarksburg, W. Va, should stimulate a greater interest in family lines.

It would be very interesting to know how family names originated. George H. **BENNETT**, editor of "Public Spirit", published at Hatboro, PA, has made quite a survey of the **BENNETT** name and family "The name of **BENNETT** originated from the personal name of Benedict," Editor **BENNETT** said. "During the reign of **EDWARD**, Second and Third, the name is found modified,--Fitz-Benedict, **BENEDISCITE**, **BENDISH**, **BENDISTE**, **BENNETT**. The name was frequently spelled **BENET**."

Dr. L.J. **BENNETT**, head of the department of education in Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH, says:

"The name **BENNETT** seems to have originated in the northeast part of England, and I understand the name is exceedingly common on the Scotch-English border. It seems to me probably that it may be an original name growing up around the Benedictine abbey, known as St. Benet's. If

this is the case there are many persons of our name in the country who never been related and many there whose relationship could only be proved by tracing the stock back to England."

As to where this branch of the family came from, we do not have any documentary proof. There is a tradition in the family, mainly in the Ohio branch of the family that the first settlers to this country came from Holland about 1840 (? 1740). One family has the tradition that the original emigrant came over in one of William **PENN'S** ships from Holland. We know a great many English people left England on account of religious persecution and went to Holland, and it is quite probable the **BENNETTS** came to America in that way.

Remote Connection

Abraham **BENNETT** was born March 23, 1745. He was a son of Isaac and Mary **BENNETT** who lived in or near Philadelphia, PA. There was quite a number of **BENNETT'S** living at the time in Bucks county, and Montgomery county, adjoining Philadelphia county. The assessors' books show four or five Isaac **BENNETT'S** in those counties, but we have been unable actually to connect any of them as the father of Abraham. Isaac **BENNETT** is listed in 1746, as a member of a Philadelphia militia company, 30 years of age. In 1907, a receipt was found in an old loft in Dover Del. For pay in the militia to June, 1747, apparently the same Isaac, for services from September 1746 to June, 1747. In 1779 one Isaac **BENNETT** was assessed in Northampton, Bucks county, with 300 acres of Land, seven horses, nine cattle and one servant, but as yet we have been unable to prove a relationship, if any, he had with Abraham.

We know that Abraham purchased a tract of land in Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, adjoining Philadelphia county February 23, 1784, from Job **LANCASTER**, and on April 13, 1785, he sold the same tract of land to his father-in-law, William **ROBERTS**. The deed for this land is to be found in deed book 5, page 87, office of recorder of deeds, Norristown, PA.

Abraham served in the Revolutionary war as a private in Capt. Abram **WENTZ'S** Second Company Philadelphia county militia, Sixth Battalion, commanded by Col. Antis. (Pennsylvania Archives, sixth series, volume I, page 891.)

Bought Tract

On July 30, 1785, Abraham **BENNETT** bought from Andrew Scott sixty five acres in the township of New London, in the southern part of Chester County, just above the Maryland line. This property he kept until he had lived two years on what is now West Virginia. He made a deed of this property March 29, 1798, to Joshua **JACKSON**, a merchant, of Wilmington, Del., in December, 1798, the same Joshua **JACKSON** conveyed to Abraham **BENNETT** 619 acres in Harrison county West Virginia, said and being a part of a large grant of land to **JACKSON** by the state of Virginia, the patent or deed to the tract being made by Patrick **HENRY**, governor of the state of Virginia. the consideration in this transaction was "\$619 cash in hand well and truly paid by the said Abraham **BENNETT**."

We learn from an old deed that Abraham **BENNETT** was a blacksmith in his younger days, through after coming to Virginia his principal occupation was that of farmer. His experience as a blacksmith was fortunate, indeed, because that was before the age of machinery, and in this new country **he was thrown upon his own resources largely and he was compelled** to make and repair most of his farming implements. He certainly had the spirit of the pioneer, leaving as he did the best developed section of the country around Philadelphia, which for some time had been the capital city of the United States, and coming to the wilderness of woods in this state, which was hardly free from the depredations of the Indians.

Fearless Companion

But he had a wife possessed of the same pioneer spirit and indomitable will to conquer the wilderness and establish a home for their children. Just a few years before they came to this state a final and decisive battle had been fought with the Indians and they ceased to be an active menace to the settlers in this state and eastern Ohio. Between 1795 and 1800 large numbers of Pennsylvania Dutch came into this state from eastern Pennsylvania and found homes here.

Abraham **BENNETT'S** name appears first on Harrison County records on the personal property books of the assessor in 1796. It seems from the records he retained title to the sixty-five acres he owned in Chester County, Pennsylvania, until March 29, 1798, evidently "trying it out" here before making the final decision to remain in this state. He came to this state in early spring, cleared a tract of land, put up a cabin and planted some crops. In the fall after the crops were gathered he took his two horses and went over the mountains to Winchester, Va., to get his winter supply of

salt, ammunition, boots and clothing. That trip must have taken two weeks both ways. Now one can leave what was then his home, early in the morning, and at noon be in Winchester. We have made great progress in our method of travel since pioneer days.

Abounded with Game

Life in the new home must have been very interesting. There was plenty of game in the woods, and possibly an Indian occasionally. There were deer, squirrel and wild turkey enough to supply the family with plenty of meat. Turkeys were caught in a pen trap built on the hillside. The pen was built of rails and covered with rails as well. A trench was made with rails on the lower side of the pen and a little corn strung up the trench into the pen. The turkeys followed the corn up into the pen, and then when they wanted to leave, they tried to get out at the top, never attempting to go out the same way they entered the pen.

Abraham Bennett's wife was a daughter of William and Elizabeth **SIDDONS ROBERTS**, who were married October 20, 1752, in the Swedish church in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania Archives, second series volume 8, page 510.)

William Roberts was a private in Capt. Williamson **TOLBERT'S** company, Col. William **WILL'S** battalion, Philadelphia militia October 10, 1777, on command at Sweeford also ensign in Capt. Joseph **DEARMAN'S** Eighth company, Second battalion, Philadelphia militia, 1780, Benjamin **MCVAUGHN**, lieutenant-colonel.

Twelve Children

Abraham **BENNETT** (1745) was married in 1775 or 1776, to Catharine **ROBERTS**, born December 24, 1754, and died April 3, 1836. No records were kept at that time of marriage except in church records. To his union twelve children were born; Mary, Elizabeth, Abraham (1780), Jane Isaac, Jacob, Catharine, Jacob II, Rachel, Susannah; William R. and Mary **WILSON**. The first and last child was given the name, Mary. Also two were named Jacob. It was very common occurrence at that time that when one child in the family died another was given the same name.

The first child, Mary, was born September 4, 1777, and married William **WILSON** March 31, 1796, they were the parents of one daughter, Ruth. Mary died March 27, 1798.

Elizabeth, the second daughter, was born March 25, 1779. She married Henry **TETRICK**. There were no children.

Abraham, born September 10, 1780, was married to Martha **HALL**, and went to Ohio. More will be said about this branch of the family farther on.

Jane, born December 21, 1781, married Thomas **HALL**. She died June 29, 1812.

Isaac born November 29, 1783, died February 20, 1806. No record has been found showing whether he was ever married.

Jacob, born December 21, 1785, died November 11, 1786.

Catherine born March 13, 1788, married Elisha **HALL** and died June 7, 1828.

Jacob second, born March 12, 1791, died March 10, 1869. No record of any marriage as to him has been found.

Rachel, Born September 13, 1792, married John **RIPLEY** January 2, 1814, and moved to Iowa.

Susannah, born November 7, 1794, died November 14, 1794.

William R., born January 14, 1796, was married November 20, 1817, to Mary Ann **SWIGER**, and died October 27, 1861.

Mary **WILSON**, born June 20, 1798, married George **SWIGER** and later Joshua **ALLEN**. She died when about 85 years old.

Thus we have only two sons of Abraham **BENNETT** (1745) who were married, and perpetuated the name,--Abraham (1780) and William R. (1796).

Joins Washington

Abraham **BENNETT** (1745) was no unusual person. He was just a plain, blunt man who did his duty to his family, his community and his country. When duty called he obeyed. Many Men of his time were Tories. They favored submitting to Great Britain, and secretly conspired with **the enemies of this country**. **Abraham Bennett** joined with George Washington and the American patriots, and contributed his bit toward making this the great country which we now enjoy. This year 1932, which is being celebrated throughout the country as the bi-centenary date of the birth of George **WASHINGTON**, it is fittingly proper that some recognition be shown the men who joined him in the fight for freedom. For that reason there is being dedicated today at Dola, W. Va., a memorial to the memory and worth of Abraham **BENNETT**, who suddenly died January 19, 1824.

Nehemiah Squires of Preston county His Ancestors & Siblings

By Joy L. GILCHRIST-STALNAKER

This issue ends this publication of this family's history for now. Anyone wishing more information may contact Joy at HCPD or by e-mail joy@hacerscreek.com

181. **JOHN SQUIRES** (1793-1865) m. Mary **FORTNEY**, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (**PICKENPAUGH**) **FORTNEY**; moved to Barbour Co.,

182. **THOMAS SQUIRES** (1794-1871) m. Mary **FAWCETT**, daughter of William **FAWCETT**. Thomas was a blacksmith in Kingwood for many years. Tax lists of the era show that he appears to have been the largest landowner of the children.

183. **SAMUEL DUDLEY SQUIRES** (1797-1864) m. Elisabeth **FORTNEY**, daughter of Daniel and Barbara (**PICKENPAUGH**) **FORTNEY**. Samuel and "Betsy" raised their family at Mt. Phoebe. Both are buried in the old Bethlehem Cemetery. Their children remained in Preston County, and many of the **SQUIRES** in the county today are their descendants.

184. William **SQUIRES** (1798-1862) m. Catherine **DUDLEY** of Marion County, whose father Samuel **DUDLEY** was a Revolutionary War sailor. William and Catherine lived around Austin in Lyon District of Preston County. Both are buried in Concord Cemetery.

185. **HARRIET** or **NANCY SQUIRES**, b. between 1800-1810 according to the 1810 census of Monongalia County and the 1820 census of Preston County. **MORTON** names her as Nancy, while **WILEY**, who did his writing of Preston County History 50 years earlier,

calls her Harriet. Nancy seems the more likely name because her paternal grandmother was Nancy Anne. **MORTON** says she married Alexander **CAMPBELL**, but no evidence supporting such marriage has been found. Alexander **CAMPBELL** families are found in most of the areas to which descendants of the Nehemiah **SQUIRES** family migrated, but none fit the time frame.

186. Elizabeth **SQUIRES** (ca 1804-1883) m. James **BRITTON**, Jr., son of James Britton Sr., and his **FORTNEY** wife who may have been named Nancy. James Jr.'s mother died and he was raised by his **FORTNEY** grandparents, Daniel and Barbara.

187. **NEHEMIAH (?) SQUIRES**, a male child b. 1800-1810 is in the **SQUIRES** household on the 1810 Monongalia census; a male aged 16-26 is in the household on the 1820 Preston County census. The male aged 16-26 in 1820 could have been William, who had not yet married, but it is felt that William was already living on his own because he paid his own tithables in 1820 and declared that he had no slaves and no horse.

It seems probable that Nehemiah and Sarah would have named a son for Nehemiah; they had already named sons for both grandfathers and two daughters named Sarah and Elizabeth after their mother.

Nehemiah may have been involved with his brother Thomas in some business transactions. Two papers, dated 1840 and 1843, referring to lawsuits against Nehemiah **SQUIRES** and Thomas **SQUIRES**, were found in the George W. **FAIRFAX** papers in the West Virginia Collection at West Virginia University. **FAIRFAX** was the sheriff of the county during the time of these suits and apparently had the papers in his possession when the courthouse burned in 1869.

188. Male **SQUIRES** b. between 1800 and 1810, is listed on the 1810 census; and apparently died before the 1820 census was taken.

189. **SARAH SQUIRES** b. ca 1815, never married. She was enumerated with her mother when the 1850 Preston County census was taken.

QUERIES ?????

1. Searching for information about Enoch Thornton **WITHERS** 1822-1865 (son of Alexander Scott **WITHERS**) and my great grand aunt Sarah **STEINBECK WITHERS** 1826-1864. They moved to TX with 2 or 3 children in the 1850s. Children were Alexander H. b. 1847 VA(W) Howard Alfred b.1857 TX, Enoch **SCOTT** b. 1859 TX, daughter Louisa d. TX Aug.1864. Several other children names ?? may have died in TX along with mother Sarah in 1864.

Father Enoch T. died in 1865 ?? and the 3 living boys with a Nanny went back to WV to live with their grandparents Henry & Julia **STEINBECK** and Uncle George in Alum Bridge home.

Alexander m. Mary **DAVISSON**, **HOWARD** m. Lina **BENNETT** & Enoch, a minister, married Bertie **CROOK**.

Some information shows family lived Forest Co Texas...although I can not find that county. Thanks for any help ..
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2 I have a number of queries. You may use one or all of them. Responses may be sent to me, Rhonda **COWAN**, via e-mail rlc.family@verizon.net or contact me via snail mail at 8558 Kim Marie Court, Pasadena, MD 21122

(a). I am researching the **APPLEGATE** family. Thomas **APPLEGATE** was born 1604 in Norfolkshire, England and died in 1662 in Middlesex, New Jersey. He was married in Norfolkshire, in 1620 to Elizabeth Wall. He died 1662 in Middlesex, New Jersey Burial: Gravesend, Long Island, New York - Old Dutch Church Their children: Bartholomew born 1620, Helena born 1621, Margaret born 1625, John born 1630 and Thomas II born 1632.

(b) I am researching the **BICE/BUYS/BISE/BOICE/BOYCE** name - It seems my line started out with Aret Pieterse **BUYS** who married Trentje **OOSTEROM**. They had a son, Arien Pieterse **BUYS** born in 1650 in the Netherlands, and he came to New Jersey and married Trentje Hendericks **OOSTEROM**. They had the following children: Pieter (7/6/1673), Tryntie (8/28/1675), Aaron (before 1677), Gerrijtje

(1/15/1676/77), Pieter Ariense (12/12/1679), Henreck (4/2/1684), Jacob (10/1/1686), Johannes (4/2/1689) and Jannetje (about 1691). I do not have information on the other children, but on Johannes, he married on 8/25/1710 to Neeltje Claasze **DE GRAFF** who was born about 1693. They had the following children: Johannes Jr. (7/1/1711) Hannah, (1713), Nicholas Claus (8/2/1716), son (7/27/1718), William (5/1720), Francis, (12/3/1721) and Abraham (3/26/1729). This is where it gets confusing because it seems that several of these children spelled their last names differently. Francis **BUYS** married Hannah **STARLING** and they had the following children: Thomas, Daniel, Hannah, Mary, Wilson, Francis and John. Thomas (now spelled Bice) born 9/29/1742 in Amwell Township in Hunterdon Cty, New Jersey died 3/12/1819 in German Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania married Edith **APPLEGATE** before 1723 in Amwell. They had the following children: Morrell, Stephen, Sarah, William, Mary, Thomas, Edmond and Hannah. Morell born 1775 in Monmouth County, NJ, and died 1851 in Harrison County, WV married Susan ? in 1798. They had the following children: Thomas, George, Edith, Willima, Morrel, Mary and Susan. Thomas **BISE** married Catherine Harris on September 14, 1826.

(c) I am researching the **BOSCH** family - Catrin Bosh married Johann Jacob **HEITE** and they had Peter **HITT** who married Elizabeth Otterback. I have lots of information on the **HITT'S** but nothing on the **BOSCH** family.

(d) am researching **BROUWER** family- The only one I have in this line so far is Elizabeth Wilems **BROUWER**. I do not know when or where she was born. I do know that she married Claas Andries **DE GRAAF** and they had a daughter while living in Schenectady, NY about 1693. Not much to go on at all. That daughter was Neeltje Claaze **DE GRAFF** and she married Johannes **BUYS** on August 25, 1710 in the Dutch Reform Church in New Jersey.

(d) **CORNELIS**- I am looking for Descendants of Divertje **CORNELIS**. She married **LUBBERT GYSBERTSEN VAN BLARICUM**. They had **TRYNTJE LUBBERTS VAN BLARICUM**, b. Abt. 1637, Fort Orange, NY; d. Bef. May 09, 1666, Bergen, NJ. She married **HENDRICK JANSEN OOSTROM** December 04, 1652 in Reformed Church, New Amsterdam, NY, son of **JAN VAN OOSTROM** and ?. He was born Abt. 1625 in Schalikwypk, Strecht, Ubrecht, Holland, and died in Poughkeepsie, NY. Children of **TRYNTJE VAN BLARICUM** and **HENDRICK OOSTROM** are: **TRENTJE HENDRICKS OOSTEROM**, b.

Abt. August 16, 1654; **JOHANNES OOSTEROM**, b. Abt. October 05, 1653; **JAN HENDRICKSEN OOSTEROM**, b. June 24, 1657; d. Abt. 1717; m. **MAGELTJE ROELOFSZE DE DUYSER**, August 19, 1683, Midwout, LI; b. Abt. 1663; Jannetje **HENDRICKS OOSTEROM**, b. Abt. 1659; d. Abt. January 05, 1678/79; m. Herman **EDWAERTS**, April 25, 1678; d. Bef. April 30, 1681.

(e) I am researching the **DEGRAFF** family -**CLAAS ANDRIES DE GRAAF** married and **ELIZABETH WILEMS BROUWER** they had a daughter while living in Schenectady, NY about 1693. Not much to go on at all. That daughter was **NEELTJE CLAAZE DE GRAFF** and she married **JOHANNES BUYS** on August 25, 1710 in the Dutch Reform Church in New Jersey.

(f) **DRINCKVELT**- I am looking for the family of Elizabeth Aerts **DRINCKVELT**, she was born about 1628, married to Willem Hendrickse **BROUWER** and they had Maria Willemse **BROUWER**, Elizabeth Willems **BROUWER** born about 1655 in Albany, NY, Hendrick Willemse **BROUWER**, and Willem **BROUWER**. Born in 1662.

(g) **GAR/GEAR/GEER**- I am looking for any information I can find on Amanda Jane **GEER** (perhaps **GAR** or **GEAR**) born April 1838, in Green County, West Virginia, she died April 4, 1910 in Lewis County, West Virginia and is buried at Rock Grove Cemetery, Sleeth Run, in Linn, West Virginia. She was married on August 26, 1860 to Stephen R. **HITT** (9/22/1836-12/29/1930). Their children were Mary, Judah, Theodosia, Edward and Stephen E.

(h) **GIBBONS**- I am looking for any information I can find on Joanna **GIBBONS**, born Abt. 1652 in New Jersey, died Aft. 1699. She was married to Thomas **APPLEGATE**, II and they had 5 children, Thomas, Bartholomew, Helena, Margaret, and John. That is all the information that I have at this time. **GOLDEN**-- I am looking for information on the **GOLDEN** family. It started with Spencer **GOLDEN** who was born about 1797 in Virginia, he was married to Lucinda ? **GOLDEN** (born about 1892 in Virginia) on May 5, 1832 in Harrison County, West Virginia. They had at least six children, Elizabeth born about 1833, Martha Ellen **GOLDEN**, born Harrison County, West Virginia about 1836 , she married John D. **BLAIR**, October 16, 1855 in Harrison

County, West Virginia, George **GOLDEN**, born about 1838, Rush W. **GOLDEN**, born about 1839, who served in the Civil War with his brothers Isham, and Scott in the same company, Virginia 17th Cavalry, Company B, Isam K. **GOLDEN**, born about 1840, and Scott P. (middle name possibly Payne) **GOLDEN**, born about 1842 who married Sarah Catherine **BISE** (born about 1843 in Virginia, Catherine died November 23, 1875, age 32 years,. Parents: Thomas and C. **BICE**. Cause of death Fever.) on January 4, 1866 in Harrison County, West Virginia.

(i) Scott and Sarah had six children David William **GOLDEN**, b. October 0

1866, Harrison County, West Virginia; d. March 26, 1931, Lewis County, West Virginia. John S. **GOLDEN**, b. Abt. 1868, West Virginia. Arminda E. **GOLDEN**, b. Abt. 1870, West Virginia. Rosia L. **GOLDEN**, b. 1873, West Virginia. Oakey **GOLDEN**, b. 1875, West Virginia. Ishum **GOLDEN**, b. August 1875, Lewis Co., West Virginia; d. April 10, 1876, Leading Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia. The **GOLDEAN'S** came to Horner, West Virginia from Leading Circle, Gilmer County, West Virginia, in 1916.

There is another **GOLDEN** line with William **GOLDEN** (**GOLDING**) married to Peggy ?, their child was Thornton **GOLDEN**, who married Elizabeth **THARP**, their child was Lucinda **GOLDEN** born about 1802 was married Spencer **GOLDEN** on May 5, 1832

3 (1) I am looking for any information on a Asby **HACKER** and his wife Catherine Wear. I have no idea how they fit into the **HACKER** family. Any information on death, birth and where they resided most of their lives. (2) Also seeking information on Jonathan **HACKER** the son of Alexander, who married Lucinda **SWERRINGER**. Want the names of their children and dates of birth of the parents and the children and marriage date of Jonathan and Lucinda. (3) Seeking information on the fourth son of Alexander named William. He was born abt 1811 and along with his brother Phillip went to work on river boats on the Ohio River. William stopped his work on the river and eventually settled in Tennessee I have no data on this member of the **HACKER** family. Richard **HACKER** 1901 Cypress Ln, Northbrook, IL 60062

4. I'm still struggling to find the father of David **WOLF** and the surname of David **WOLF'S** wife, Mary Elizabeth? Two of David **WOLF'S** daughters married **SLEETH** brothers. John **SLEETH** married Elizabeth **WOLF**, his second marriage, 28 Oct 1813. Alexander K. **SLEETH** married Catherine **WOLF**, no marriage date. I wonder if David **WOLF'S** wife would be mentioned and if her maiden name is known. Maybe a **SLEETH** researcher could help me??. Some information has led me to believe it could be **CUTRIGHT**. *Wirt WOLFE, 300 E. Williams Street, Salisbury, MD 21501*

5. Searching for the gravesites of John and Sarah **GROVES** and their son Selden Harness **GROVES**. They should be located in the area of Jacksonville, Peterson Siding, Red Lick, Oil Creek or Orlando, WV. *Darrell GROVES, 107 Northwood Hollow Ct., Amherst, OH 44001. kdwgroves@yahoo.com*

6. Would like any information on Normandy **DRUMMOND**. Father was Jasper Newton **DRUMMOND**. She was in another household after Jasper died but I can not find anything of her after that. Did she have children? Did she marry? Did she leave the WV area? Any information would be appreciated. *Alberta Sue DRUMMOND KEENE, 1032 Barrow Court, Rock Hill, SC 39730*

7. Where did George Lee **ROBY/ROBEY**, b. 1860, spend his childhood? I'm looking for information about him, my great grandfather. His death certificate shows his parents as Vincent Molen **ROBY** and Nellie **WILSON**. Lewis Vincent **ROBY** lists the same parents. I find Nellie **WILSON** and Vincent **ROBY** living in the same household in the 1860 Braxton County census but after that, I'm stumped. Nellie is nowhere to be found after, or before, that census. And George Lee does not show up again until adulthood. Vincent Molen **ROBY** later married Malinda **LOUGH MOLLIHAN**, a widow. George Lee's obituary lists two of their children, Cordelia **KNICELY** and Alvina **KNICELY**, as his sisters, most certainly half sisters. Those women married **KNICELY** brothers I believe. Did Vincent Molen **ROBY** and Nellie **WILSON** ever marry? Was Nellie of American Indian descent? Where did George Lee **ROBY** live during his childhood? If you have any of these people in your family line, I would love to hear from you. *Linda HOCKEL, 173*

Penny Lane, Unit #6 Naples, FL 34112 (Address good until May 1. I'm a snowbird!)

8. (a) Looking for information on a William **DAVIS** baptized Aug. 19, 1741 Christ Church, Philadelphia, son of James and Margaret **DAVIS**. Also, any information you may have on his parents James and Margaret **DAVIS**.

(b) I am searching for the marriage date as well as parents of William **DAVIS**, Sr with a wife Jean/Jane (in Harrison County 1777) as well as the birthplace of their children: Sarah m 27 July 1789 John **ASA**; William, Jr. m Hannah **LAMBERT** April 12, 1790; Margaret m 28 Feb. 1791, Moses **HUSTEAD**; Mary m 7 Dec. 1791, Thomas **MAXON**; Ann m 24 Feb. 1786, John **KELLEY**; Jane M 21 May 1792, Enoch **MOORE**. Thanks for any help - *Ethel NIELSEN*, een10@sbcglobal.net 25 Bridgewood St., Irvine, Ca 92604

9. (a) Henry **DEPUE** served in the Revolutionary War when he was very young. He was born in 1773 and was buried on the PTL **DEPUE** Farm in Elizabeth, West Virginia. He was married to Jane **MAZE** on September 9, 1802 in Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia. As far as I know they had 2 sons William and Archibald. Is anyone else researching the **DEPUE** family? I do have a 2 line obit that shows that William died in Vinton County, Ohio as did his brother Archibald. However my information on the parents is very sketchy. Any help of course would be greatly appreciated! Thank you! *Randy Sue McKeever* 1945 Hillcrest Drive, Coshocton, Ohio 43812 or bemagic2@sbcglobal.net

10. Elizabeth **MARKS** and Jacob **ALLMAN** were married March 14, 1814 in Harrison County, Virginia, West Virginia. She was born on May 21, 1790 in Frederick County, Maryland. Jacob was born in Brock's Gap, Hardy County in 1791. These folks are my 3rd great grandparents. They had 5 children: Catherine, Nancy, Nicholas, Barbara and my 2nd great grandmother Elenore "Nellie" **ALLMAN**. Elizabeth **MARKS ALLMAN** died on August 19, 1862 in Vinton County, Ohio and Jacob married Elizabeth **MACE** who was born in Virginia (my guess is it is Harrison County - but can't prove it). They married in Vinton County Ohio on May 16, 1867. I would be interested in hearing more about this

family as well. I am interested in the children in particular and the second wife Elizabeth **MACE**. Thank you so much! *Randy Sue McKeever 1945 Hillcrest Drive, Coshocton, Ohio 43812 or bernagic2@sbcglobal.net*

11. Looking for Elk View Cemetery in or around Clarksburg West VA. Marcelle Marie **WERY** is buried there. She was born 6 March 1925 and died 6 March 1925. She was the daughter of Charles and Pearl **FITZPATRICK WERY**. Any help in locating this cemetery very much appreciated. Thanks *Carol Yakupcak 11599 Hoover Ave Uniontown OH 44685 E-mail Teacross@aol.com*

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